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TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY”**

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- **ONE DEFINITION OF MATURITY**
 - **GOOD JUDGEMENT COMES FROM EXPERIENCE—EXPERIENCE COMES FROM BAD JUDGEMENT**



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- **THIS WILL BE A MEANINGFUL CONFERENCE
BECAUSE:**
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 - **ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION**
 - **THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



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- **HOW TO GET TECHNOLOGY TO GROW UP**
 - **MOVE OUT OF THE LAB, AND GET A JOB**
- **AN ACQUIRER'S PERSPECTIVE**



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- **REQUIREMENTS PULL AND LAB PUSH**
- **BETTER PREDICTORS OF SUCCESS**
- **CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS (SOFTWARE AND INFRASTRUCTURE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT)**

**“BETTER IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD
ENOUGH”**